Chapter 114: The Sword of the Hero
It was all in vain, then.
After all that, we couldn't find anything here either, huh?
I wouldn't say that.
We've helped this region take another step toward peace by slaying the Abyssal Dragon.
It wasn't in vain at all.
You're right.
Now, on to the next village!
Aren't we missing someone?
She fell for that again...
This is a newly settled village...
...so there aren't any folktales about the monument of the goddess.
Actually, maybe there's someone who can help you after all...
I see...
Kiesel, the dwarf blacksmith.
He's over a hundred years old, so he might know something about what you're looking for.
Are you Kiesel?
That's me.
Where are your manners?
Don't you know you should introduce yourself first?
Sorry.
I'm Himmel the Hero.
Then come in.
You've heard of me?
So, you're that Himmel the Hero...
Rumors that bring people hope spread quickly.
The farther north you go, the worse the desolation wrought by the Demon Army.
You forced the troops led by Aura the Guillotine to retreat...
...and took down Bose the Immortal.
You've saved so many people.
There's not a soul in this village who doesn't know of your valor.
Some even say that you're the greatest hero of all time.
Heh, I'm not that great.
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Please don't give him any more praise. It'll really go to his head.
You're very different from what I heard, though.
We're here to ask you about the monument of the goddess.
The monument of the goddess...
Unfortunately, I don't know anything about that.
But I believe there were a couple of books about the goddess at the chief's house in the village where I used to live.
They still might be there.
Thank you for sharing what you know.
And where is that village?
I don't mind telling you. But...
...
Can you let me take a look at that sword of yours in exchange?
I'd love a closer look at the sword of the hero.
Himmel...?
I don't mind.
Just as I thought.
Yeah...
It's a replica.
I know it is.
Brings back memories.
A long time ago, when I was just starting out as a blacksmith, a merchant from the Imperial Capital commissioned me to make this for him.
Where did you get this sword?
In a village on the frontier of the central lands.
I got it from a trader in return for slaying monsters.
I didn't know this blade had been on such a long journey.
Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, huh?
And now it's made its way back to me.
There are plenty of other swords more worthy of you.
Let me bring some out from the back.
Wait, hold on...
I'm not going to charge you a penny.
This is my way of saying thank you.
This forgery I created to emulate a hero's sword...
...was destined to be stored away in some art collector's closet.
And yet somehow...
...and traveled alongside his heroic comrades.
I'm sure you gave this sword a whole new purpose.
It shines as brightly as if it were the real sword of the hero.
Himmel the Hero...
I thank you for bringing the sword I created back to me.
This sword is my partner.
Don't get ahead of yourself, Kiesel.
I'm going to wield it until the Demon King is defeated and the world is at peace.
I see.
It's lost its edge.
Let me sharpen it.
The village I used to live in is up this mountain path.
That place is a den of monsters now.
But stay on your toes.
Then bring 'em on.
It's another step...
...toward bringing peace to the world with this sword!

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